(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken/being taken to protect the monuments and remove the encroachments ?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No encroachment is reported in the protection portions of the fort wall (Jahanpanah). At Khirki Masjid land acquired by the ASI for providing a proper approach road to the monument has been encroached upon.

(c) Invariably the assistance of the State Government and the local authorities is sought to help remove the encroachments and appropriate legal action is taken wherever necessary.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Discrimination in the promotion of stewards

2599. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that from 1969 onwards the basic qualification for stewards is graduation and for airhostesses the basic qualification is matriculate ;

(b) if so, the reasons for promoting airhostesses as manager or senior managers ahead of stewards who are graduate; and

(c) the reasons for graduate males who are managers now being made to work as subordinate of those junior matriculate females in the office on the basis of gender only ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Indian Airlines :—

Prior to 1986, the eligibility criteria in respect of educational qualification for recruitment to the post of Airhostesses and Flight Stewards was Matriculation or Higher Secondary or equivalent examination of recognised board. This criteria was last revised in the year 1986 and the basic qualification was enhanced to minimum Graduation for both Airhostesses and Flight Stewards.

Air India :—

Prior to 1980, the eligibility criteria in respect of educational qualification for recruitment to the post of Airhostesses was SSC pass or its equivalent and for Assistant Flight Purser was SSC with minimum 3 years experience in an airline, travel agency, hotel or commercial organisation or SSC with 3 years Diploma in Catering or Graduate. In 1980, the job specification for Airhostess was Graduate or SSC with 3 years diploma in catering. After 1994, the educational qualification for both these posts is Graduate or H. S. C. with 3 years diploma in catering.

(b) This position is not prevalent in Indian Airlines. As regards Air India certain Airhostesses have advanced to the higher managerial grade as they opted out from flying and took up ground assignments, which were vacancy based. Since 1997, with the introduction of time bound promotion policy, career progression of both female and male cabin crew are governed by the years of service in the grade.

(c) This position is not prevalent in Indian Airlines. As regards Air India, while working in the office the junior officials are required to report to the senior officials as per hierarchy of designations followed for office duties irrespective of gender or qualification of the superior.

Evaluation of assets of Indian Airlines

2600. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of the total assets of the Indian Airlines;

(b) whether this factor of assets and wealth taken into consideration for fixing the price for shares; and

(c) whether Government take these factors into account to overcome the stock market manipulation to reduce the share value ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The entire shareholding of Indian Airlines is currently with the Government of India and the shares are not listed on the Stock Exchange. However, Government has decided to disinvest 51% of the equity of Indian Airlines. The process of disinvestment has been initiated, and all necessary steps, including for evaluation of assets of Indian Airlines, assessing suitable price for shares etc., will be taken in due course.